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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FLIGHT AND KIEV PROPERTY

REF: (A) MOSCOW 5686, (B) MOSCOW 5472

1. ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR AND EMBOFF CALLED ON DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MFA'S USA DIVISION FEDOSEYEV APRIL 15 TO CLARIFY QUESTION OF CARGO CAPACITY OF DC-9 RAISED BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KORNIYENKO DURING AMBASSADOR'S APRIL 12 MEETING WITH GROMYKO (MOSCOW 5686). ADMIN COUNSELOR EXPLAINED THAT EMBASSY'S LETTER TO MFA REGARDING THE APRIL SUPPORT FLIGHT HAD INCORRECTLY SHOWN THE AIRCRAFT'S CARGO CAPACITY AS 7,000 POUNDS, WHILE IN FACT CARGO CAPACITY OF DC-9'S TO BE USED FOR SUPPORT FLIGHTS WAS 3,600 POUNDS. ADMIN COUNSELOR GAVE FEDOSEYEV NON-PAPER ON THIS SUBJECT (TEXT BELOW).

2. FEDOSEYEV SAID HE WISHED TO CLARIFY A POINT IN THE EMBASSY'S NON-PAPER OF APRIL 8 (MOSCOW 5472). THE NON-PAPER IMPLIED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE HAD INCONVENIENCED EMBASSY PERSONNEL WHO WERE TRAVELLING FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES. BUT THE EMBASSY'S LETTER ABOUT THE FLIGHT SPOKE ONLY OF THE AMBASSADOR AND HIS

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FAMILY. WHILE "SORRY IT HAPPENED THIS WAY," THE SOVIET

SIDE COULD NOT BE BLAMED FOR INCONVENIENCE CAUSED TO THOSE WHOM THE AMBASSADOR INVITED TO JOIN HIM ON THE FLIGHT.

3. IN RESPONSE TO ADMIN COUNSELOR'S QUESTION, FEDOSEYEV SAID THE MFA HAD CHECKED WITH AUTHORITIES IN KIEV APRIL 15 TO LEARN THAT THE CITY HAD NOTHING NEW TO REPORT REGARDING PROPERTY FOR U.S. CONSULATE. ADMIN COUNSELOR NOTED THAT WE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO SEND ADVANCE PARTY TO KIEV IN JULY AND THEREFORE WISHED TO HAVE APARTMENTS READY BY THAT TIME.

4. TEXT OF APRIL 15 NON-PAPER FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT. WITH REGARD TO DEPUTY MINISTER KORNIYENKO'S STATEMENT TO THE AMBASSADOR DURING THE DISCUSSION WITH MINISTER GROMYKO APRIL 12, THE EMBASSY WISHES TO CLARIFY ITS LETTER TO THE U.S.A. DIVISION OF MARCH 31 REGARDING THE AMBASSADORIAL FLIGHT PLANNED FOR APRIL 1976. THE THIRD ATTACHEMENT TO THAT LETTER, ENTITLED "AIRCRAFT SERVICING REQUIREMENTS," DID, INDEED, INDICATE THAT THE AIRCRAFT WOULD BRING APPROXIMATELY 7,000 POUNDS OF CARGO TO MOSCOW. THIS ESTIMATE OF CARGO WEIGHT WAS BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE THE DC-9 AIRPLANE TO BE USED FOR THE FLIGHT WAS CONFIGURED TO CARRY A MAXIMUM CARGO LOAD.

THE EMBASSY SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED THAT ALL DC-9 AIRCRAFT TO BE USED FOR AMBASSADORIAL SUPPORT FLIGHTS TO AND FROM MOSCOW WERE CONFIGURED FOR MEDICAL

EVACUATION PURPOSES AND THAT CARGO CARRYING CAPACITY OF SUCH AIRCRAFT WAS THEREFORE SHARPLY REDUCED. THUS, THE EMBASSY REITERATES THAT THE DATA ON THE DC-9 AIRPLANE GIVEN TO THE MINISTRY ON APRIL 8 WERE CORRECT, NAMELY:

PASSENGER SEATS: 32

CARGO CAPACITY 3,000 TO 3,600 POUNDS

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CARGO CAPACITY WITH
MAXIMUM PASSENGER LOAD: 1,500 TO 2,000 POUNDS

ATTACHMENT THREE TO THE EMBASSY'S LETTER OF MARCH 31 SHOULD HAVE BEEN AMENDED TO READ "TRUCKS AND WORKERS TO UNLOAD APPROXIMATELY 3,600 POUNDS OF CARGO." THE EMBASSY REGRETS ANY CONFUSION OR MISUNDERSTANDING THAT THIS OVERSIGHT MAY HAVE CAUSED. END TEXT.

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